

NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION by the **TOWN OF LUNENBURG**, on behalf of its **ELECTRIC UTILITY**, for approval to amend its Schedule of Rates for Electric Supply and Services, to allow it to pass-through to its customers rate adjustments approved by the Board for Nova Scotia Power Inc.

BEFORE:



Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair

DECISION AND ORDER

In an Application dated July 3, 2026, the Town of Lunenburg, on behalf of its Electric Utility, applied to the Nova Scotia Energy Board for approval to amend its Schedule of Rates for Electric Supply and Services to allow the utility to pass-through to its customers recent changes approved by the Board for Nova Scotia Power Inc. general rates in 2026 and 2027, and its fuel adjustment and demand-side management riders.

After a public hearing on December 16, 2005, the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB), by Order dated January 17, 2006, approved a formula to allow the utility to pass-through to its customers the increase in cost of electric service because of an increase in Nova Scotia Power Inc. rates.

On October 19, 2010, the NSUARB approved a formula to recover Demand Side Management (DSM) and Fuel Adjustment Mechanism (FAM) adjustments (Matter M03453).

On August 10, 2023, the NSUARB approved amendments to the utility's tariff language to clarify the pass-through formula for the on-peak charge for the Domestic Time-of-Use Rate and to clarify the order of adding FAM and DSM adjustments (Matter M11260).

The NSUARB was succeeded by the Nova Scotia Energy Board on April 1, 2025, on proclamation of the *Energy and Regulatory Boards Act*, SNS 2024, c 2, Sch A.

The utility has proposed rates using the approved formulas. The Board notes that the rates proposed to be effective January 1, 2027, hold NS Power's fuel adjustment and demand-side management riders constant, but these change annually so the rates for 2027 will likely need to be further adjusted once the rider amounts for that year are known.

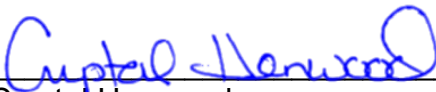
In an order in Matter M12885, released contemporaneously with this order, the Board approved the removal of the cap on the rates for certain rate classes that was put in place in the utility's most recent general rate application (M12179). Schedule "A" to this order

includes the impact of that approval and the approval of the flow through adjustments in this matter.

The Board approves the application and orders the following:

1. **The Schedule of Rates for Electric Supply and Services attached as Schedule "A", is approved for service rendered on and after August 1, 2026.**
2. **The Schedule of Rates for Electric Supply and Services attached as Schedule "B", is approved for service rendered on and after January 1, 2027.**

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 31st day of July 2026.



Crystal Henwood
Clerk of the Board



SCHEDULE A

LUNENBURG ELECTRIC UTILITY

SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR ELECTRIC SUPPLY & SERVICES

(Effective for services rendered on and after **August 1, 2026**)

RATES

All bills are due and payable when rendered. All unpaid accounts are subject to overdue interest charges in accordance with Regulation 5.2 - "Payment of bills, overdue interest charges, and returned payment charge".

In this Schedule, the word "Town" means the Town of Lunenburg.

"Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NSPI) Municipal Rate Class Increases"

In order to recover increased costs due to NSPI increases and upon notice by the Lunenburg Electric Utility (the "Utility") to the Nova Scotia Energy Board, (the "Board"), the Board may amend the Rates for Domestic Service, Small General, General, Large General, Domestic Service Time-of-Day (Optional), and Street and Yard Lighting based on the following formula, without the necessity of a public hearing.

$$1) \ A/B=C$$

$$2) \ C \times D = E$$

A = Forecasted power purchase cost from NSPI for the test year;

B = Forecasted Electric Rate Revenue from the above classes for the test year;

C =Percent, expressed as 00.00;

D = NSPI approved increase percent, expressed as 00.00;

E = Average percentage change required to the Lunenburg Electric Utility's rates to recover its purchased power cost.

The Lunenburg Electric Utility, when submitting a request for a change in its Schedule of Rates for Electric Supply and Services, shall provide a comprehensive summary of the forecasted purchase and sales amounts and compare the results with the actual purchase and sales amounts for the previous two years along with an analysis of the difference in the amounts.

Nova Scotia Power Inc. ("NSPI") Municipal Rate Class Adjustments to
Demand Side Management and Fuel Adjustment Mechanism

In order to recover Demand Side Management ("DSM") and Fuel Adjustment Mechanism ("FAM") adjustments due to Nova Scotia Power Inc. ("NSPI") approved DSM and FAM adjustments and upon notice by the Council of the Town of Lunenburg to the Nova Scotia Energy Board (the "Board"), the Board may amend the kWh Rates for Domestic Service, Small General, General, Large General, Domestic Service Time-of-Day (Optional) and Street and Yard Lighting based on the following, without the necessity of a public hearing.

For Domestic Service, Small General, General, and Large General, the following formula will apply:

$$A+B=C$$

$$C \times D/100 = E$$

$$E/F \times 100 = G$$

A = NSPI DSM Rate to Municipal Class (cents per kWh)

B = NSPI FAM Rate to Municipal Class (cents per kWh)

C = Net NSPI adjustment (cents per kWh)

D = kWh purchases from NSPI for previous complete fiscal year

E = Total cost adjustment on annual purchases from NSPI

F = kWh sold by Municipal Electric Utility for previous complete fiscal year

G = Adjustment to Municipal electric Consumption Rates as a result of DSM and FAM charges (cents per kWh)

For Street and Yard Lighting Categories the following formula will apply:

$$A/B=C$$

$$C+D=E$$

$$E \times B=F$$

A = Current monthly street light charge

B = NSPI rate schedule monthly kWh per month for each street light category

C = Current street light charge per kWh

D = kWh adjustment (in cents per kWh) due to FAM or DSM

E = Adjusted street light charge per kWh

F = Adjusted monthly street light rate

For Domestic Time of Use Rates the following will apply:

On peak charges are twice the Regular Domestic energy rate, prior to any DSM or FAM riders, plus any applicable DSM or FAM riders;

Shoulder charges are equal to the Regular Domestic energy rate;

The off-peak charges are set using the following formula:

$$A \times D = C$$

$$C + B = E$$

A = Current kWh purchase price from NSPI

B = kWh adjustment (in cents per kWh) due to FAM or DSM

C = adjusted kWh purchase price from NSPI

D = 4% loss factor

DOMESTIC SERVICE

Service Charge: \$15.04 per month.

Energy Rates: 18.492 cents per kilowatt hour for all consumption.

Minimum Bill: \$15.04 per month.

Availability: The Domestic rate shall be applicable to electric energy used by a customer in his private residence for household lighting, cooking, heating, refrigeration, or other household appliances. Where part of the customer's premises is used for other than residential purposes, and non-residential loads do not exceed 500 watts, the whole premises may be supplied under the Domestic rate.

SMALL GENERAL

Base Charge: \$15.31 per month.

Energy Rates: 18.064 cents per kilowatt hour for all consumption.

Minimum Bill: \$15.31 per month.

Availability: The Small General rate shall be applicable to power and energy where energy use does not exceed 12,000 kWh/year.

GENERAL

- Demand Charge: \$10.836 per month per kW of maximum demand.
- Energy Charge: 22.899 cents per kW hour for the first 100 kW hours per month per kW of maximum demand.
- 15.705 cents per kilowatt hour for all additional consumption.
- Minimum Bill: \$32.85 month or the demand charge, whichever is the greater.
- Availability: The General rate shall be applicable to power and energy where consumption exceeds 12,000 kWh/year, maximum demand does not exceed 250 kW and other rates are not applicable.

LARGE GENERAL

- Demand Charge: \$12.581 per month per kilowatt of maximum demand.
- 18.652 cents per kW hour for the first 100 kilowatt hours per month per kilowatt of maximum demand.
- 13.676 cents per kW hour for all additional consumption.
- Minimum Charge: \$12.11 per kilowatt of maximum demand.
- Availability: The Large General rate shall be applicable to power and energy where demand exceeds 250 kW and other rates are not applicable.

DOMESTIC SERVICE TIME-OF-DAY RATE (OPTIONAL)

BASE CHARGE

\$28.51 per month

ENERGY CHARGE:

December, January and February

07:00 am to 1:00 pm	37.372 cents per kilowatt hour
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	18.492 cents per kilowatt hour
4:00 pm to 10:00 pm	37.372 cents per kilowatt hour
10:00 pm to 7:00 am	11.676 cents per kilowatt hour

The above rates apply weekdays (Monday through Friday inclusive), excluding statutory holidays. For Saturdays, Sundays, and statutory holidays, all consumption will be billed at the rate of 11.676 cents per kWh.

March to November

7:00 am to 10:00 pm	18.492 cents per kilowatt hour
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The above rates apply weekdays (Monday through Friday inclusive), excluding statutory holidays. For Saturdays, Sundays, and statutory holidays, all consumption will be billed at the rate of 11.676 cents per kWh.

MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE

The minimum monthly charge shall be \$28.51

AVAILABILITY

This rate is only available to customers employing Electric Thermal Storage (ETS) equipment and electric in-floor radiant (ie. hydronic) heating systems utilizing time shifting technology approved by the Utility.

STREET AND YARD LIGHTING

(Fixture supplied by the Utility)

40 watt	LED	or	70 watt	HPS	\$23.06 per lamp per month
50 watt	LED	or	100 watt	HPS	\$25.29 per lamp per month
75 watt	LED	or	150 watt	HPS	\$28.07 per lamp per month
115 watt	LED	or	200 watt	HPS	\$31.79 per lamp per month

AVAILABILITY:

The Street and Yard Lighting rate shall be applicable to the supply of outdoor illumination on a dusk-to-dawn schedule involving approximately 4,000 hours burning time per year and shall include maintenance of equipment and lamp renewals.



LUNENBURG ELECTRIC UTILITY

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DOMESTIC SERVICE

Service Charge: \$15.04 per month.

Energy Rates: 18.915 cents per kilowatt hour for all consumption.

Minimum Bill: \$15.04 per month.

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SMALL GENERAL

Base Charge: \$15.31 per month.

Energy Rates: 18.477 cents per kilowatt hour for all consumption.

Minimum Bill: \$15.31 per month.

Availability: The Small General rate shall be applicable to power and energy where energy use does not exceed 12,000 kWh/year.

GENERAL

- Demand Charge: \$11.084 per month per kW of maximum demand.
- Energy Charge: 23.423 cents per kW hour for the first 100 kW hours per month per kW of maximum demand.
- 16.064 cents per kilowatt hour for all additional consumption.
- Minimum Bill: \$32.85 month or the demand charge, whichever is the greater.
- Availability: The General rate shall be applicable to power and energy where consumption exceeds 12,000 kWh/year, maximum demand does not exceed 250 kW and other rates are not applicable.

LARGE GENERAL

- Demand Charge: \$12.869 per month per kilowatt of maximum demand.
- 19.079 cents per kW hour for the first 100 kilowatt hours per month per kilowatt of maximum demand.
- 13.989 cents per kW hour for all additional consumption.
- Minimum Charge: \$12.11 per kilowatt of maximum demand.
- Availability: The Large General rate shall be applicable to power and energy where demand exceeds 250 kW and other rates are not applicable.

DOMESTIC SERVICE TIME-OF-DAY RATE (OPTIONAL)

BASE CHARGE

\$28.51 per month

ENERGY CHARGE:

December, January and February

07:00 am to 1:00 pm	37.830 cents per kilowatt hour
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	18.915 cents per kilowatt hour
4:00 pm to 10:00 pm	37.830 cents per kilowatt hour
10:00 pm to 7:00 am	12.214 cents per kilowatt hour

The above rates apply weekdays (Monday through Friday inclusive), excluding statutory holidays. For Saturdays, Sundays, and statutory holidays, all consumption will be billed at the rate of 12.214 cents per kWh.

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7:00 am to 10:00 pm	18.915 cents per kilowatt hour
10:00 pm to 7:00 am	12.214 cents per kilowatt hour

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115 watt	LED	or	200 watt	HPS	\$32.51 per lamp per month

AVAILABILITY:

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